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2026

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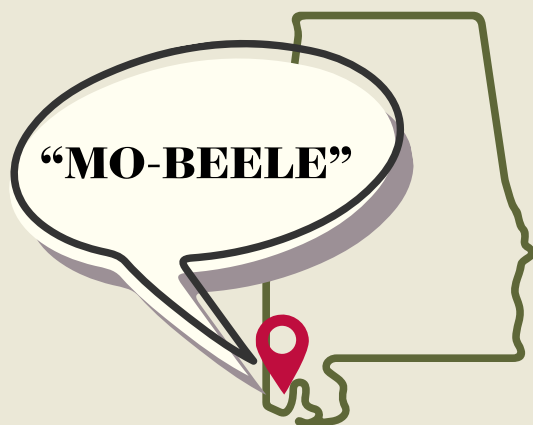
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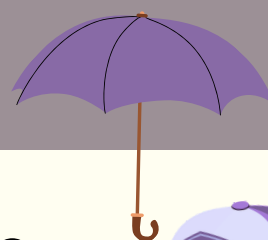
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Mobile, Alabama

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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGY MUSEUM

Address:

Delchamps Archaeology Building
University of South Alabama Archaeology Museum
6050 USA Drive South
Mobile, Alabama 36688

Parking:

No parking pass is needed at any time in Lot 303. The Lot 303 entrance is located on the traffic circle/ roundabout and the museum building entrance is across the street at the crosswalk.

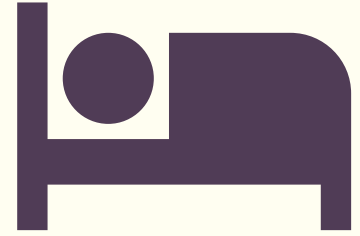


Parking Lot 303 Map

[Google Maps Link to Parking Lot 303](#)



Recommended Local Accommodations



- Holiday Inn Express & Suites Mobile - University Area by IHG
 - 109 Long St, Mobile, AL 36608
 - ~\$130 per night
- Hampton Inn & Suites Mobile Providence Park/Airport
 - 525 Providence Park Dr E, Mobile, AL 36695
 - \$119 per night plus tax (NAEC Discounted Rate)
 - Booking Link
- Holiday Inn Mobile Downtown Historic District
 - 301 Government St. Mobile, AL 36602
 - \$129 per night plus tax (NAEC Discounted Rate)
 - Booking Link, ***Available until June 30

5th National Archaeology Educators Conference
&
17th Biennial Project Archaeology Coordinators Conference



Discover the Past of Clotilda and Africatown
Shape the Future of Archaeology Education

Mobile, Alabama

July 28-31, 2026

Goals:

- Inspire and equip our Network to coordinate and teach Project Archaeology workshops
- Connect and collaborate with other archaeology educators
- Mentor participants to deliver high-quality professional development to their community and create curriculum
- Unite as a community of archaeology educators to create impactful, interactive learning experiences
- Learn more about Montessori methods to reach students with archaeology content
- Create a vision and plan for a new program, Elders in Every Classroom
- Preservation and protection of our shared cultural heritage through citizenship education

Conference participants will:

- Use museum collections to connect the public to the past
- Interact with a Network Nook collaborative, online folder
- Experience as a learner, Project Archaeology: Investigating Shelter; Investigating a Shotgun House
- Explore Africatown Heritage sites
- Discuss *Barracoon* by Zora Neale Hurston
- Celebrate our country's 250th anniversary

Required Book & Film to Prepare for NAEC

- **READ**
 - *Barracoon* by Zora Neale Hurston, 2018
- **WATCH**
 - *Descendant*, a documentary film, co-written and co-produced by Kern Jackson, Ph.D., 2022

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

Opening Reception

7:00 pm –9:00pm, USA Archaeology Museum

- Welcome
- Ice breaker
- Silent Auction begins!
- Beverages served

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

Morning 9:00 am, USA Archaeology Museum

- Opening Session – Review conference goals and agenda
 - Questions and answers
- Concurrent Sessions:
 - Workshop Track: Introduction to Project Archaeology
 - Warm-up, Lesson Three, Family Room Site
 - Project Archaeology Coordinator Meeting

Lunch Break at the Museum

12:00–1:00 pm (catered Chicken Salad Chick)

Afternoon 1:00 pm, USA Archaeology Museum

- Literature Circle – *Barracoon* by Zora Neale Hurston
 - USA African American Studies Professor, Kern Jackson, Ph.D., and Cudjo Lewis Descendant, Emmett Lewis, will join us and help facilitate and lead the Literature Circle.

BREAK

- Keynote Speaker
 - Maddy Aubrey Africatown Archaeology

Thursday, July 30, 2026

8:30 am, USA Archaeology Museum
Coffee and Tea

Depart at 9:00am, Bus Tour of Africatown Heritage Sites

- Africatown Welcome Center – Brand new!
- Africatown Cemetery
- Africatown Heritage House: Clotilda Exhibition

Lunch Break: Mary's Southern Cooking (bring your own lunch money)

BREAK

- Elders in Every Classroom Panel

Dinner Celebration, USA Archaeology Museum

- Awards
- Music – Honor Song
- Silent Auction Ends!

Springtime in Capri Dinner Menu

- Tuscan White Bean Salad, Caprese Salad, Garlic Breadsticks
- Penne with Fresh Vegetables: Whole Grain Pasta, Vegetables and Cannellini Beans in a Lemon Garlic Broth with Herbs
- Penne with Chicken and Kale: Grilled Chicken, Tomatoes and Kale tossed with Whole Grain Penne and a Peppery Lemon-Garlic Broth
- Lemon Cheesecake Bars
- Sweetened and unsweetened tea, lemonade

Friday, July 31, 2026

Morning 9:00 am USA Archaeology Museum

- Workshop Track – Investigating Shelter: Shotgun House
- Concurrent Sessions:
 - Elders in Every Classroom Planning
 - State Program Planning: Workshops and Curriculum Development

Lunch BREAK 12:00–1:00 pm (on your own)

Afternoon 1:00 pm – 5:00pm

- How Project Archaeology delivers value through different learning venues
 - Montessori, Classical, Homeschool, Museum
- America250 Citizenship Education
 - FPU Shotgun House
 - Lesson 3 from Investigating Rock Art
 - Understanding by Design
 - Experimental Archaeology – Cordage with red, white, and blue beads!

BREAK

- USA Archaeology Museum – Life of an Artifact Tour
 - Artifact Analysis
 - Africatown Digital Archives
- Certificates and Evaluations

Africatown Field Trip

Itinerary

Thursday, July 31



8:30 – 8:55 AM

Breakfast and departure by the Dora Finley Franklin African American Heritage Tour (DFFAAHT) bus from the USA Archaeology Museum

9:15 – 9:55 AM

Africatown Welcome Center Introduction & tour of the Historic Old Plateau/Africatown Cemetery

10:00 – 10:55 AM

Africatown Heritage House & “Clotilda: The Exhibition” Tour

11:00 – 11:55 AM

Lunch at Mary’s Southern Cooking

12:30 PM

ETA of return to the USA Archaeology Museum





Clotilda: The Exhibition, which opened in 2023, is located at the Africatown Heritage House, 2465 Winbush Street in Africatown.



A rendering of the future Africatown Welcome Center in Mobile, Ala. Rendering by Mott McDonald provided by the City of Mobile

The Africatown Welcome Center will open in June 2026.



The historic Old Plateau/Africatown Cemetery was established in 1876. Africatown Heritage Preservation Foundation

Field Trip Lunch Information



Lunch is at Mobile's best soul food restaurant, Mary's Southern Cooking. Mary's has everything from oxtails to fried porkchops! Please bring your own payment for lunch as there is something for everyone. We will get in line and make our selections of entrees and sides in order to pay before seating.

\$20 - \$30

Don't forget to bring your lunch money!

Keynote Speaker:

Madison Aubey



“Africatown’s Legacy: Land Stewardship as Heritage”

At the Africatown Heritage House stands a 9ft tall stainless steel sculpture called The Memory Keeper. It stands next to the Africatown Medicinal Healing Garden filled with regional flora that the founders of Africatown likely encountered upon arriving in Alabama and learned to employ for a number of uses medicinal, culinary, and spiritual. Both this sculpture and this garden are public archives, illustrating the ways in which Africatowns founders and their descendants have encoded knowledge and heritage into the physical world around them. Founded by the survivors of the last slave ship to reach U.S. shores, Africatown, Alabama is a community that provides a unique perspective on American legacies of slavery and African diasporic identity. Looking to the descendants of these founders we can learn valuable lessons not only about the town’s role in American history, but also what role heritage plays in identity construction and land stewardship, and how archaeology can be made to align with community goals.

Madison Aubey (she/her) is a PhD candidate at UCLA studying the archaeology of the African Diaspora. Her dissertation research focuses on the community of Africatown, Alabama. Using household and Black feminist archaeology methods she works to better understand how the founders of Africatown preserved their West African cultural knowledge and practices while also engaging with the consumer networks of the American South. Theoretically, her work engages with notions of habitus, diaspora studies, sovereignty studies and consumer practices. She has done fieldwork in Kalamata, Greece; Saclo, Benin; Fort Mosé, Florida; and Africatown, Alabama.

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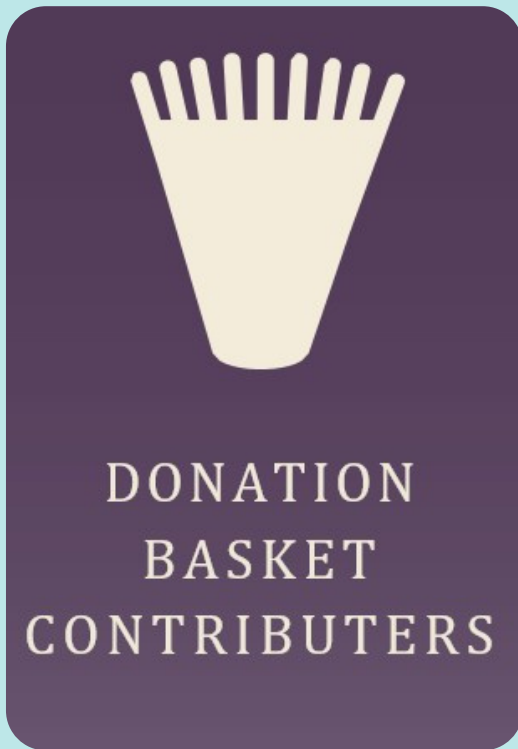
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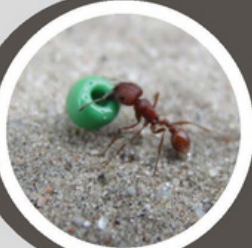


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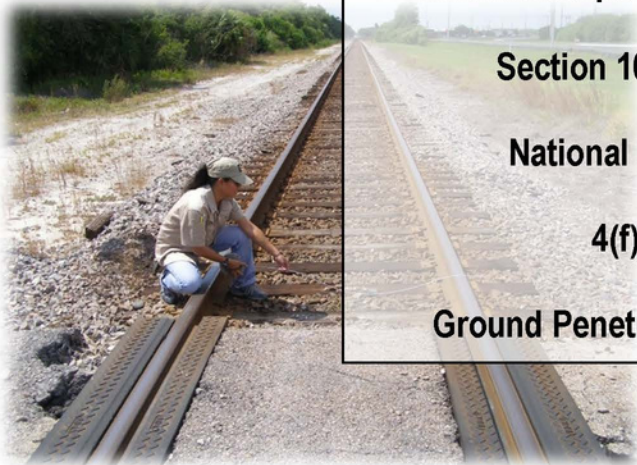
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